(c) if so; the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) In the Joint Statement, issued after discussion between Prime Ministers of India and Canada during the visit of Canadian Prime Minister, Mr. Paul Martin on 17-18 Januanry, 2005 to India, the two countries agreed to contribute expertise toward the creation of a tsunami early warning system for the countries of the Indian Ocean, in concert with multilateral efforts.

(b) and (c) The two leaders agreed to direct designated Scientific Advisers on each side to report on advancing S&T arrangements and encourage strategic collaboration in selected areas of science and industrial technologies. The two leaders also agreed to support a CEO Roundtable that would make recommendations for expanding economic ties, conclude an Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement and take additional steps contributing to greater investment and trade, including trade missions.

Most Favoured Nation Status to India

2539. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has indicated that it is going to confer the Most Favoured Nation Status to India very soon;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner it would help India and Pakistan to cement bilateral relations and also to increase the trade between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Trade with Latin America through Chile

2540. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chile has offered the Indian companies to use Chile as a Spring Board for entering Latin America; and